

20. (New) A fishing lure apparatus comprising:

a skirt of a thin flat resilient material having a hub through which a fishing line passes to define a direction of advancement of the lure through the water when in use, said skirt including a plurality of circumferentially spaced, resilient primary legs each defining an area and extending radially outwardly from said hub and said line generally in a common plane when the skirt is at rest, each of said primary legs presenting an outer end, said primary legs comprising circumferentially-spaced groups of secondary, generally parallel legs, each of said secondary legs being smaller than the primary legs in a single dimension, said secondary legs comprising each group of secondary legs being disposed in side-by-side relationship to define the entire area of said corresponding primary legs, each of said groups of secondary legs presenting a corresponding primary leg and including free strips of said resilient material having inner ends joined together exclusively at said hub, said strips of each group extending from said hub in side-by-side relationship and having free ends that define said outer end of the respective primary leg, the outer ends of the primary legs defining the perimeter of the skirt whereby the primary legs exhibit first order movements and the secondary legs exhibit second order movements in response to force applied to said hub by said line when the lure is in use.

21. (New) The fishing lure apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said skirt further includes a plurality of circumferentially spaced, resilient tertiary legs extending radially outwardly from said hub and said line generally in said plane, each of said tertiary legs being shorter than said primary legs and disposed between a respective pair of adjacent primary legs.

22. (New) The fishing lure apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said hub has a generally radially extending slit therein between each of said primary legs to provide an axis of bending movement for each of the primary legs independent of the movements of the secondary legs.

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Newly presented Claims 20-22 are in this application.

Applicant appreciates the examiner's assistance in suggesting amendments to the claims that distinguish claims 20-22 over the prior art of record. It is believed by applicant that new independent claim 20 particularly defines each of the groups of secondary legs that presents a corresponding primary leg, and the characteristics of the secondary legs as set forth in the claim.

It is clear that the cited prior art does not show or suggest the fishing lure apparatus comprising the combination of elements as set forth in claim 20 and that, therefore, claim 20 and claims 21 and 22 dependent therefrom are allowable.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 20-22 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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